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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/28/2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. The Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 1, 9 and 17 are not persuasive. As U.S. Patent 6256740 B1 to Muller et al.(hereinafter Muller) suggests the compute node having a storage device which is operable to store information see Col 4 Ln 33-49. And further, Muller discloses the generating of GUIDs and storing them within plurality of storage devices see Col 41 Ln 20-40.
2. The Previous Office Action Summary erroneously contained an objection to Specifications. And thus the objection was never made and is withdrawn.
3. For Citations of codes USC § 102(b) please consult previous Non-Final office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claim 1-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6256740 B1 to Muller et al.
5. Regarding Claim 1, The "establishing a secret between two or more devices, and securing the secret in each of the two or more devices" see Column 3 Line 22-42.

6. Regarding Claim 2, The "a first GUID from a first device to a master device, and wherein securing the secret in each of the two or more devices comprises storing the first GUID in a GUID table in the master device, preventing access to the first GUID in the first device, and preventing access to the GUID table in the master device" see Column 41 Line 29-53 & Column 3 Line 22-42.
7. Regarding Claim 3, The " first device setting an introduced bit in response to providing the first GUID from the first device to the master device" see Column 15 Line 20-41.
8. Regarding Claim 4, The "establishing the secret between two or more devices further comprises providing a system GUID from a master device to at least a first device and wherein securing the secret in each of the two or more devices further comprises storing the system GUID in a storage location in at least the first device, preventing access to the system GUID in the storage location in at least the first device, and preventing access to the system GUID in the master device" see Column 41 Line 29-53 & see Column 3 Line 22-42.
9. Regarding Claim 5, The "establishing the secret between two or more devices comprises providing a system GUID from a master device to at least a first device, and wherein securing the secret in each of the two or more devices

comprises storing the system GUID in a storage location in at least the first device, preventing access to the system GUID in the storage location in at least the first device, and preventing access to the system GUID in the master device" see Column 41 Line 29-53 & see Column 3 Line 22-42.

10. Regarding Claim 6, The "first device setting an introduced bit in response to providing the system GUID from the master device to at least the first device" see Column 15 Line 20-31.

11. Regarding Claim 7, The "establishing the secret between two or more devices comprises a master device providing a value to a first device as a first GUID; and wherein securing the secret in each of the two or more devices comprises the first device storing the first GUID in a storage location, the master device storing the first GUID in a GUID table, preventing access to the first GUID in the first device, and preventing access to the GUID table in the master device" see Column 3 Line 22-42 & Column 41 Line 29-53.

12. Regarding Claim 8, The "establishing the secret between two or more devices further comprises the master device obtaining a random number and the master device providing the random number to the first device as the first GUID" see Column 41 Line 37-44 & see Column 3 Line 22-42.

13. Claim 9 and Claim 17 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 1 above.
14. Claim 10 and Claim 18 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 2 above.
15. Claim 11 and Claim 19 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 3 above.
16. Claim 12 and Claim 20 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 4 above.
17. Claim 13 and Claim 21 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 5 above.
18. Claim 14 and Claim 22 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 6 above.
19. Claim 15 and Claim 23 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 7 above,
20. Claim 16 and Claim 24 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 8 above.

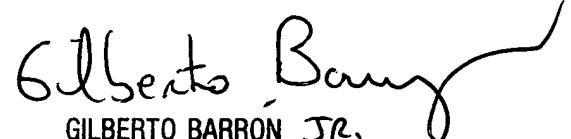
Conclusion

21. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.
22. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkatanarayanan Perungavoor whose

telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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